WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2279

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 20, 1981

Case No. AP-81-28

Application of GEORGETOWN)
UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY)
to Amend Certificate No. 56 -- Add)
Service to Mt. Vernon College)

By application filed November 18, 1981, Georgetown University Transportation Society (GUTS) seeks to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 and its WMATC Tariff No. 2 to add Mount Vernon College students, faculty, staff and alumni to the class of passengers for whom transportation service may be provided. Currently, GUTS is authorized to transport Georgetown University students, faculty, staff and alumni (a) over five regular routes, beginning and ending at the main Georgetown University campus and (b) in charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Mt. Vernon College is located at 2100 Foxhall Road, N. W., Washington, D. C. GUTS plans to operate one vehicle, on a charter basis, between Mt. Vernon College and Healy Circle, 37th and O Streets, N. W. Once at Healy Circle, Mt. Vernon personnel with valid identification cards could utilize the GUTS regular-route system in the same manner, and at the prices, now available to Georgetown personnel.

Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact requires that this matter be scheduled for a public hearing, and applicant shall be preliminarily assessed an amount to cover the cost of such a hearing. However, if no protests to this application are filed, GUTS may wish to submit a motion, pursuant to Rule No. 22 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, requesting a waiver of applicant's right to an oral hearing and payment of the assessment therefor. Any such motion should be accompanied by affidavits of publication and posting as described below and a verified statement from a representative of Georgetown University or Mt. Vernon College describing the number of persons who will use this service, the shortcomings, if any, of existing transportation services, and such other information as GUTS may deem pertinent to establish that the proposed service is required by the public convenience and necessity.

GUTS requests that this matter be handled on an expedited basis inasmuch as the President of Georgetown University is anxious to have a safe and regular method of travel available for the young women of Mt. Vernon College, especially after dark. Accordingly, this order shall provide for hearing on less than the 25 days notice normally required by Rule No. 6-02 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That Case No. AP-81-28 is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence on Tuesday, December 15, 1981, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
- 2. That applicant is hereby assessed \$100 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact and is directed to deliver said sum to the offices of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Thursday, December 10, 1981, at 12 noon.
- 3. That applicant is hereby directed to publish notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the Commission once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and post a copy of said notice in each of its vehicles no later than Wednesday, November 25, 1981.
- 4. That applicant submit affidavits of such publication and posting at the public hearing or, if it so elects, with any motion filed pursuant to Commission Rule No. 22.
- 5. That any person desiring to protest shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Monday, December 7, 1981, and simultaneously serve a copy of said protest or notice upon counsel for applicant, Robert P. Watkins, Esquire, Williams & Connolly, 839 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.
- 6. That any motion filed pursuant to Commission Rule No. 22 be filed no later than Thursday, December 10, 1981.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

WILLIAM H. McGILVERY

Executive Director